

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on March 23, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 57, 3/19/2007; HJ 22, 3/19/2007;  
HB 198, 3/9/2007; HJ 26, 3/20/2007;  
HJ 33, 3/20/2007 (cancelled)  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 57**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:21 **REP. EVE FRANKLIN (D)**, HD 24, opened the hearing on **HB 57**, Foster parent liability insurance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:50 Jani McCall, Montana Childrens Initiative Providers Association

00:06:01 James Estes, foster parent

**EXHIBIT (phs62a01)**

00:12:09 Debbie Gomes

00:15:03 Twila Costigan, Intermountain Children's Home

00:15:29 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:15:54 Bruce Diedle, Department of Public Health and Human Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:24 Sen. O'Neil to Bruce Diedle

00:16:56 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Franklin

00:17:47 Sen. Gillan to Bruce Diedle

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:17 Rep. Franklin

**HEARING ON HJ 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:39 **REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9**, opened the hearing on **HJ 22**, Study payback and incentive for dental students.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:17 Mary McCue, Montana Dental Association

**EXHIBIT (phs62a02)**

00:30:02 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association

00:30:42 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:42 Sen. Moss to Rep. Jones

00:33:37 Sen. Moss to Mary McCue

00:39:06 Sen. Williams to Mary McCue

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:25 Rep. Jones

**HEARING ON HB 198**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:48 **REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9**, opened the hearing on **HB 198**, Increase CHIP dental benefit.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:34 Mary McCue, Montana Dental Association

00:55:44 Chuck Hunter, Primary Care Association

00:56:11 Linda Henderson, Montana Nurses Association

00:56:57 Rev. Brady Vardemann, Montana Association of Churches

00:58:03 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

00:58:23 Moe Wosepka, Montana Catholic Conference

**EXHIBIT (phs62a03)**

00:59:58 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

01:01:15 Jackie Boyle, AARP Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

01:02:11 Mary Dalton, Health Resources Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:40 Sen. Moss to Mary Dalton

01:05:35 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:07:20 Rep. Jones

**HEARING ON HJ 26**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:08:28 **REP. TIM CALLAHAN (D)**, HD 21, opened the hearing on **HJ 26**, Study mental health issues in criminal and juvenile justice systems.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:10:39 Deb Matteucci, DPHHS

01:12:33 Anita Rossman, Montana Advocacy Program

01:13:38 Tracy Velazquez, Montana Mental Health Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:16:05 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Callahan

01:18:55 Sen. Murphy to Deb Matteucci

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:29 Rep. Callahan

**HEARING ON HJ 33** (cancelled)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:43 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([phs62aad.pdf](#))**